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TO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE

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FROM SCHMIDT FOR WORTZEL

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OGEN, YO

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL/INFORMAL

1. FINANCING FOR JOINT S&T RESEARCH. I ASSUME THAT YOU HAVE A COPY OF THE MINIC-VANCE LETTER OF JANUARY 30 WHICH WAS FINALLY DELIVERED TO STATE AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS WEEK (COPY POUCHED TO BELGRADE TODAY). WE HAVE BEEN TRYING TO OBTAIN TREASURY APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ANNUITIES IN DOLLARS, BUT SOLOMON HAS BEEN TURNED AROUND BY STRONG OMB AND IN-HOUSE TREASURY OPPOSITION. WE HAVE BROUGHT NSC (HUNTER) INTO THE PICTURE AND HAVE SUCCEEDED IN HOLDING OFF THE IMMINENT NEGATIVE RESPONSE TO CEMOVIC. IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT NSC HAS DECIDED AFTER CONSULTATION WITH SOLOMON AND OMB TO PUSH A SPECIAL DOLLAR APPROPRIATION RATHER THAN HAVE TREASURY APPROVE USE OF THE DINAR HOLDINGS. HUNTER SAYS HE HAS OBTAINED AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE FROM OMB FOR SUCH AN APPROPRIATION AND BRZEZINSKI IS SEND-CONFIDENTIAL

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ING A MEMO TO STATE/TREASURY/OMB TASKING THE BUREAUCRACY WITH WORKING OUT A SOLUTION. WE WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH THE AMBASSADOR WHEN HE ARRIVES.

2. ZAGREB FALL FAIR. APPARENTLY COMMERCE IS WILLING TO PAY FOR ITS SPACE FOR THE VTR PRESENTATION. BUDGETARY APPROVAL WILL HOPEFULLY BE COMPLETED IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

3. EVANS' PARTICIPATION IN USYEC SEMINAR. WE HAVE BEEN EXPECTING AN EMBASSY CABLE REQUESTING THAT STATE FINANCE HALF OF EVANS' TRANSPORTATION TO THE MEETING, WHICH WE WOULD THEN PUSH WITH EUR/EX. PLEASE BE SURE TO SLUG TO BOTH EX AND EE.

4. PALMER HOUSING. PER PETER SWIERS' REQUEST, DARRYL CALLED DSRA WHICH HAS RESERVED AN EFFICIENCY AT COLUMBIA PLAZA BEGINNING MARCH 14 AND EXTENDING 40 DAYS. THEY DO NOT HAVE AN EFFICIENCY ON MARCH 13, BUT OFFERED TO PUT YOU IN A TWO BEDROOM FOR THAT ONE NIGHT. WE AGREED, BUT WILL CANCEL IF YOU DECIDE TO STAY WITH SWIERS THE EXTRA DAY. PETER IS AWAY NOW, BUT WE'LL CALL HIS WIFE IF YOU WISH. VANCE

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